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Case 7903M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
ROBERT I. NURSE
Serial No.: 09/755,408
Filed: January 5, 2001
Confirmation No.: 5236
For: Selectively Reinforceable Container

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Group Art Unit: 3727
Examiner: Castellano, S.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, the claims, and the drawings in the Request for Continued Examination Application (RCE) filed in the above identified parent application. The RCE Application is filed herewith.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the specification of the above-identified application with the attached substitute application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claim 15, 18-20.

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows: